leakage of the decision of the Government, as alleged in the newspaper report referred to in the question.

Further, according to available information, it appears that there was a sharp decline in the share value of almost all the Indian Technology Companies during March to May, 2000 as reflected in the Bombay Stock Exchange Information Technology Index. This general trend of the Indian Capital Market in Technology Sector would have also influenced the fall in share price of VSNL during that period.

Share of States in taxes collected from service sector

*26. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have requested to pay them shares from taxes collected in the service sector as they were providing all infrastructure; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Net proceeds of Service Tax are shareable with the States in terms of the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission. However, State of Jammu and Kashmir is not entitled to a share in the Service Tax as this tax is not leviable in that State.

Revival of Industrial Finance Corporation of India

*27. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Finance Corporation of India is having financial stringencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the D. Basu Committee has recommended to infuse Rs.400 crore as part of revival strategy; and

(c) if so, what is Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is under examination and consideration of the Government.